

REMARKS

In view of the preceding amendments and the comments, which follow, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Official Action of June 14, 2004.

Summary

Claims 9 and 11 stand rejected. Claims 9 and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced as a result of these amendments.

Claims 9 and 11 are pending following entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being unpatentable over Oross et al. (US 6,757,002 B1). Pending Claim 9 is directed to an input control system comprising an input pad having a coordinate input portion for inputting data and four push type switches.

Amended Claim 9 recites that "data from the input pad and data from each of said four switches are formatted to a common format data", and that "the common format data includes X coordinate and Y coordinate positional information of the input pad, and ON or OFF information of each switch, and the common format data is output as a single data item."

In regard to the claimed data formatting feature, Oross is silent about the formatting of the operation data originating from the input data and from each of the push-type switches. In contrast, in the claimed feature operation data from the input pad and on-off data from each of the four switches are formatted to a data group of 6 or more bytes.

In regard to new Claim 11, a distinguishable feature is that at least one switch has a scroll function. This at least one switch continuously performs a scrolling operation, independently of an operation of the input pad, while pressed so as to continuously output ON data. This at least one switch stops the scroll operation

when released so as to output OFF data. This distinguishable feature is not taught or disclosed by Oross.

For at least one of the above reasons, Applicant submits that Claims 9 and 11 are allowable, and respectfully request that the claim rejections pursuant to under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) be withdrawn.

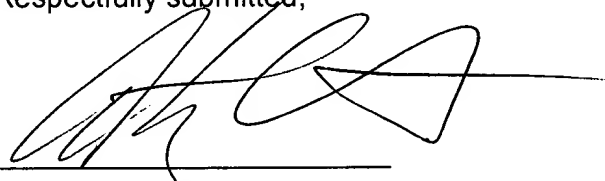
Conclusion

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration of this application. Applicant believes that a one-month extension is warranted, and a corresponding check is enclosed. If, there are any additional fees due, Applicant requests that this paper constitutes any necessary petition and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

If the examiner finds that there are any outstanding issues which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number

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